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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT ON APPLICATION TO ICJ
ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

REF: CANBERRA 2580

1. DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MAY 10 ISSUED FOL NEWS RELEASE
ON AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION TO ICJ ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.

QTE AUSTRALIA HAS FILED AN APPLICATION IN THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AT THE HAGUE REQUESTING
INTERIM MEASURES TO RESTRAIN FRANCE FROM FURTHER ATMOS-
PHERIC NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE PACIFIC.

QTE THIS WAS CONFIRMED TODAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER
AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. WHITLAM.

QTE THE APPLICATION WAS LODGED WITH THE REGISTRAR
OF THE COURT LATE YESTERDAY BY THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR
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TO THE NETHERLANDS, DR. THOMSON, AND THE AUSTRALIAN AGENT
FOR THE COURT PROCEEDINGS, MR. BRAZIL.

QTE SHORTLY BEFORE THE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED THE
AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, MR. RENOUF, HAD DELIVERED
TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY A LETTER FROM MR. WHITLAM
TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. JOBERT, INFORMING HIM
OF AUSTRALIA' S DECISION TO RESORT TO THE COURT.

QTE MR. WHITLAM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE
OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA, SIR GARFIELD BARWICK, HAD
BEEN APPOINTED AS AN AD
END TO DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AGAINST LEBOWA CITIZENS IN WHITE
SOUTH AFRICA AND ASSERTED THAT SAG SHOULD BE INVESTING MORE IN
DEVELOPMENT OF HOMELAND THAN IT CURRENTLY DOING. IF INVEST-
MENT CAPITAL AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS NOT FORTHCOMING LOCALLY,
LEBOWA WOULD HAVE TO LOOK OVERSEAS FOR ASSISTANCE.
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